

Figure Most Important Life Goals of Notre Dame Students: 1992-2002

Goals rated as **Essential** or **Very Important** by more than half of incoming first year ND students (and norm group for 2002)

	In Percents					ND	Norm
						2002	Group
	1992	1994	1996	1998	2000	2002	2002
Raising a family	82%	82	83	83	86	84	74
Helping others in difficulty	70	71	70	71	72	71	66
Integrating spirituality into my life	na	na	na	na	72	68	45
Becoming an authority in my own field	70	70	67	62	66	62	66
Developing a meaningful philosophy of life	63	61	59	58	62	57	53
Being very well off financially	62	63	65	61	64	60	66
Keeping up to date wth politcal affairs	63	57	51	45	47	50	47
Obtaining recognition from my colleagues for contributions to my special field	53	54	54	47	50	48	56

Source: Institutional Research at Notre Dame, and Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP) Freshman Survey

Integrating spirituality into my life was added in 1999 to original 19 goals; other goals include

Norm group is defined as "Private University High Select", and includes institutions such as Emory, Stanford, Vanderbilt